

FORM No. 62.

FOREST DEPARTMENT, BOMBAY SOUTHERN CIRCLE.

Financial Results of the year 1886-87.

Divisions	TIMBER AND OTHER PRODUCE REMOVED FROM THE FORESTS BY GOVERNMENT AGENCY.		OTHER REVENUE.		FORMATION, PROTECTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF FORESTS.		TOTAL.		Remarks.
	Receipts.	Charges.	Receipts.	Charges.	Receipts.	Charges.	Receipts.	Charges.	
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
Direction	28,850	.....	.....	28,850	
Northern Division of Kánara	...	3,62,791	1,82,686	84,811	6,824	3,013	4,47,602	1,92,523	
Central Division of Kánara	...	2,63,460	1,18,807	51,071	7,473	12,539	3,14,531	1,38,819	
Southern Division of Kánara	...	76,332	33,806	35,851	14,367	11,242	1,12,183	59,415	
Belgaum	...	2,14,927	84,583	43,500	15,948	15,712	2,58,427	1,16,243	
Dhárwár	...	91,272	36,521	22,983	10,411	10,020	1,14,255	56,952	
Kolába...	...	9,248	5,824	1,49,369	35,421	20,443	1,58,617	61,688	
Bijápur	...	182	163	22,535	12,881	9,452	22,717	22,496	
Ratnágiri	...	4,669	8,104	792	632	8,892	5,461	17,628	
Total	...	10,22,881	4,70,494	4,10,912	1,32,807	91,313	14,33,793	6,94,614	

Conservator's Office, S.C.,
dated Belgaum, the 18th October 1887. }

J. L. L. MacGREGOR,
Conservator of Forests, S.C.

No. 58 OF 1888.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Poona, 7th January 1888.

MEMORANDUM.

In submitting to Government the Forest Administration Report of the Southern Circle for the year 1886-87, the Commissioner S. D. has the honour to record the following remarks :—

2. The variations in the areas of the different classes of forests are fully stated in paragraphs 4 to 6 of the report.

3. During the year the settlement work in Kolába was vigorously carried on by Mr. Sinclair, and the work is now virtually completed. Two settlement reports are now under consideration in the Commissioner's office.

4. The forest demarcation and settlement in the Ratnágiri District has been a failure. Mr. Woodward's proposals for the settlement of 22 villages in the Khánápur Táluka of the Belgaum Collectorate were, on the recommendation of the undersigned, negatived; and Mr. Wingate was directed to do the settlement of forests of the whole táluka, including those villages. In Kánara, the settlement of the areas in the Honávar, Sirsi, and Ankola tálukás, notified under Section 4 of the Indian Forest Act, is in progress. The report on the forest settlement of the Yellápur Táluka has lately been received in this office, and will shortly be submitted to Government. The reports on the demarcation and settlement of forests in the Bágámi, Hungund, and Bágalkot tálukás of the Bijápur District are under consideration by the Commissioner, and will be laid before Government when the grazing question is satisfactorily settled.

5. The observations of the Conservator (paragraph 23) about the heavy cost and slow progress of the forest survey that is going on deserve the special consideration of Government.

6. During the year, no working plans were drawn up, owing to the insufficiency of establishment. The Conservator, however, proposes to spare the services of another Sub-Assistant Conservator for employment on the preparation of working plans during the ensuing working season, and it is hoped that the next report will show greater progress in this important branch.

7. The total number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted during the year for breaches of forest rules was 152, as compared with 121 in the previous year. An increase in the number of prosecutions is apparent in all the districts except Bijápur. In Kolába, where the increase was the largest, the number of prosecutions rose from 44 to 78, and the cause assigned is illegal cultivation on dalhi lands. The decrease of 1 case in the number of unsuccessful prosecutions is insignificant. The number of cases compounded was the same as in the preceding year, while the amount of fines aggregated Rs. 2,386, against Rs. 1,501 in the previous year. These figures are not very satisfactory.

8. It is unsatisfactory to notice that forest fires were more numerous and the area burnt larger than in the preceding year.

9. The experiment of combining the raising of useful plants with kumri cultivation was again a failure in both Kánara and Belgaum; and it now appears pretty certain that the experiment will never succeed. It is, however, satisfactory to learn that the experiments made with *Pithecolobium Saman* and *Divi-Divi* were fairly successful.

10. In all the districts, except Bijápur, free grants of wood were made in the year under review. The value of the free grants amounted to Rs. 21,885, against Rs. 18,659 in the last year. The increase in the value of free grants occurs chiefly in Kolába, where the grants were given with the special sanction of Government.

11. The outturn of work during the year under report at the Kannigeri and Kirwatti Saw Mills was greater than in the preceding year, and it is the more satisfactory that this was effected at a smaller cost.

12. Comparing the year 1886 with 1885 it is observed that the gross and net receipts fell from Rs. 17,92,114 and Rs. 10,69,528 to Rs. 14,33,793 and Rs. 7,39,179 respectively and the charges from Rs. 7,22,586 to Rs. 6,94,614. Excepting the year 1885, the revenue is the largest on record. There was an unexpected increase in the revenue of that year on account of the considerable number of sleepers supplied to the Southern Marátha Railway Company, while the number of sleepers supplied to the company during the year under report was much smaller. This accounts for the decline. On the opening of the West Deccan line of the Southern Marátha Railway for through traffic the demand for timber and other produce of the Kánara forests will increase, and it may be confidently expected that the revenues of the Southern Circle will gradually but steadily increase in future years.

13. For nine months of the year under review the Forest Department of the Southern Circle was administered by Colonel Peyton, who vacated the post of Conservator on the 27th December 1886.

14. In Colonel Peyton's retirement Government has lost the services of an able officer whose constant endeavour was to promote forest conservancy and improvement without losing sight of the just requirements of the people.

15. The Commissioner S. D. during last touring season inspected a considerable portion of the forest area in the Southern Division, and was much pleased with the local arrangements in force.

W. H. PROPERT,
Commissioner, S. D.

Statement showing the Progress of Forest Demarcation and Settlement Work in the several Districts of the Southern Circle for the year 1886-87.

Class of Forests.	At the commencement of the year—Areas under Section 34 in which private rights have not been enquired into, settled and recorded.		AREA SETTLED DURING THE YEAR.				Area of Reserved Forests alienated under Section 26.		Area of Protected Forests disforested under Government orders.		At the end of the year—Areas under Section 34 in which private rights have not been enquired into, settled and recorded.	
			Chapter II of the Act.		Chapter IV of the Act.							
	Sq. Miles.	Acres.	Sq. Miles.	Acres.	Sq. Miles.	Acres.	Sq. Miles.	Acres.	Sq. Miles.	Acres.	Sq. Miles.	Acres.
<i>Reserved Forests.</i>												
Kánara	...	214	439	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	214	439
Belgaum	...	360	221	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	360	221
Kolába	...	215	47	68	587	...	...	...	...	...	146	99 $\frac{1}{4}$
Bijápur	...	155	115	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	155	115
Ratnágiri	...	20	13	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20	13
Total	...	965	195	68	587	...	...	...	...	...	896	247 $\frac{1}{4}$
<i>Protected Forests.</i>												
Kanára	..	2,508	321	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,508	321
Kolába	...	69	129	...	...	25	54	...	...	6	624 $\frac{21}{40}$	90 $\frac{1}{4}$ %
Bijápur	...	89	409	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	89
Total	...	2,667	219	25	54	6	624 $\frac{21}{40}$	2,635
Grand Total	...	3,632	414	68	587	25	54	6	624 $\frac{21}{40}$	3,531
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Conservator's Office, Southern Circle,
Camp Dhárwár, 17th January 1888. }

J. L. L. MacGREGOR,
Conservator of Forests, S. C.

SIND CIRCLE.

No. 5396 of 1887.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Commissioner's Office,

Karachi, 18th October 1887.

Submitted to Government.

2. There seems little for the Commissioner to say regarding this report which is concise and clear. The year has been uneventful and it is unnecessary to recapitulate the results of the ordinary administration of the department.

3. It is satisfactory to notice that both the gross and net revenue are the largest ever obtained in the Sind Circle. The expenditure is also of necessity very high as the forests depend for revenue chiefly on the demand for fire-wood.

4. The Commissioner considers that Colonel MacRae is entitled to credit for the efficient administration of the department in his charge.

C. B. PRITCHARD,
Acting Commissioner in Sind.

No. 741 OF 1887-88.

From

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL J. G. MACRAE,
Conservator of Forests,
Sind Circle.

To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Conservator's Office,

Hyderabad, 10th September 1887.

. Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith the Forest Administration Report of the Sind Circle for the year 1886-87, with its subsidiary Statements.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,
J. G. MACRAE, Lieut.-Colonel,
Conservator of Forests, Sind Circle.

Through the Commissioner in Sind.